

Information Item

California Postsecondary Education Commission

Staff and Commission Activities During the Coming Year

Executive Director Moore will outline the primary activities that staff expects to complete during the coming year. He will also lead a discussion with Commissioners on organizational issues, including Commission activities, which will serve as a basis for developing an agenda for a Commission retreat that is scheduled for December 9-10.

Supplemental Report Language to the 2003-04 State Budget

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1. ***Coordinating Financial Aid for California Undergraduate Students.*** The enactment of Chapter 403, Statutes of 2000 (SB 1644, Ortiz), significantly changed financial aid policy for the state for undergraduates—greatly expanding opportunities for some students while limiting opportunities for others. The law also affected the relationship of the Cal Grant programs with institutional aid, fee waivers, and federal financial aid programs administered by both public and private colleges. The specific effects of the new law on undergraduate students statewide remain unclear, however.

The Legislature requests the California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) to assemble a task force to examine the interaction between undergraduate institutional financial aid and fee waiver programs and the new Cal Grant Entitlement and Cal Grant Competitive programs. Specifically, the task force shall assess the extent to which the existing financial aid system for undergraduates: (1) meets student financial needs in attaining a postsecondary education, (2) operates efficiently for students and their families, and (3) ensures accountability. Special attention should be given to the interaction between various financial aid programs in meeting student needs.

The task force shall include, but not be limited to, representatives from the University of California (UC), the California State University (CSU), the California Community Colleges, the Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities, the California Association of Private Postsecondary Schools, the Student Aid Commission, the Legislative Analyst's Office, the Department of Finance, the Office of the Secretary for Education, legislative staff from the fiscal and policy committees of each house, and student representatives from each of California's postsecondary education segments. The task force shall submit a report of its findings no later than April 15, 2004.

2. ***Eligibility Study.*** It is the intent of the Legislature that UC, CSU, and CPEC work together to finalize the eligibility study to be based on 2003 public high school graduates. The new web-based electronic transcript evaluation system, established by UC to evaluate students' academic achievement through their junior year of high school for the Eligibility in the Local Context program, will be expanded to evaluate transcripts on a broader scale inclusive of senior-year courses and grades. Transcripts will offer information on eligibility as well as allow the segments to conduct in-depth analyses of course-taking patterns, grades, and test scores within a school and schools relative to each other.

The study on the fall 2003 data shall be completed and submitted to the fiscal and policy committees of both houses of the Legislature no later than May 15, 2004.

It is further the intent of the Legislature that UC, CSU, and CPEC work together to conduct an eligibility study based on the class of 2001. The study based on the 2001 data shall be completed and submitted to the fiscal and policy committees of both houses of the Legislature no later than August 2005.

Anticipated Reports and Other Products of the California Postsecondary Education Commission

Report or Product	Genesis and Purpose of the Report	Lead Staff	Timeline
Eligibility Study of the CA High School Graduating Class of 2003	Education Code Section 66903 (q) and Supplemental Report Language to the 2003-04 State Budget Act	Adrian Griffin and Marc Irish	To be completed and submitted by no later than May 15, 2004, per the Supplemental Report Language
Eligibility Study of the CA High School Graduating Class of 2001	Education Code Section 66903 (q) and Supplemental Report Language to the 2003-04 State Budget Act	Adrian Griffin and Marc Irish	To be completed and submitted by no later than August 2005 per the Supplemental Report Language
Student Profiles, 2003	Education Code Sections 66903 (m) and 66742	Marc Irish, Gus Cubillo, and Julie Martfeld	Anticipated completion date early September 2003
Fiscal Profiles, 2004	Education Code Section 66903 (m)	Marc Irish and Gus Cubillo	Anticipated completion date April 2004
Performance Indicators, 2003	Education Code Section 99182	Unclear	Education Code 99182 requires that the report be transmitted by November 15, 2003
Institutional Compliance with Title IX Provisions	Assembly Bill 2295 of 2002 Legislative Session	Murray Haberman	AB 2295 requires that the report be transmitted by January 1, 2004
Faculty Salaries at California's Public Universities, 2004-05	Senate Concurrent Resolution 51 of the 1965 Legislative Session	Murray Haberman	Preliminary estimates by December 2003; final report by no later than April 2004
Regional Enrollment Demand and Capacity Analysis	Education Code Section 66903	Stacy Wilson	Stacy anticipates completing the analysis by February 2004
Reviews of Proposed New Academic Programs	Education Code Sections 66903 (g), 66904, and 66010.4 (b)	Gil Velazquez (CCC), Murray Haberman (CSU), and Stacy Wilson (UC)	Quarterly summaries of staff's program review activities
Reviews of Proposed New Campuses and Off-Campus Centers	Education Code Sections 66903 (g) and 66904	Gil Velazquez and Stacy Wilson	As needed. (Bob will convene a group to discuss capacity issues and the Field Act)
Fees, Financial Aid, and Other Affordability Issues	Education Code Section 66903 (b)	Karl Engelbach	Report on the Income Characteristics of Students in CA Higher Education to be completed by November 2003
Status Report on the Implementation AB 1570 – CPEC's Longitudinal Student Database	Education Code Section 66903 (m)	Marc Irish	Uncertain.
Accreditation and Possible State Uses of Information Gathered through Accreditation	To comment on proposed legislation and to determine if accreditation collects student learning data that could be used for State accountability purposes	Marge Chisholm	Uncertain.
An Overview of Improving Teacher Quality Grant Funded Projects	Education Code Section 67002	Linda White	Upon completion of the current grant competition; possibly November.
Legislative Profiles for 2004	Provide timely educational statistics to California's legislative members	Adrian Griffin	Unclear.
County and Regional Educational Profiles	Education Code Section 66903	Adrian Griffin	Preliminary draft completed by September 2003.
Student Transfer Statistics and Analysis	Education Code Sections 66742 and 66743	Keith Pailthorp	Unclear.
Coordination of State and Institutionally-Funded Student Financial Aid	Supplemental Report Language to the 2003-04 State Budget Act	Karl Engelbach	To be completed and submitted by no later than April 15, 2004, per the Supplemental Report Language